

HOUSE No. 57

By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, petition of Byron Rushing and others relative to facilitating absentee voting in the Commonwealth Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Byron Rushing	Dianne Wilkerson
Patricia A. Haddad	Patricia D. Jehlen
Richard T. Moore	Alice Hanlon Peisch
Barbara A. L'Italien	

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT FACILITATING ABSENTEE VOTING IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 86 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out lines 1 through 13 and inserting the following in its
4 place:— Any voter or specially qualified voter as defined in
5 section one of chapter fifty and whose application for an official
6 absent voting ballot has been filed with the city or town clerk as
7 provided in section eighty-nine, and certified under section
8 ninety-one, may vote by absent voting ballot in accordance with
9 sections eighty-seven to one hundred and three, inclusive, in any
10 special state election or any biennial state election or of any
11 special or regular state primary or any presidential primary elec-
12 tion and any such future elections.

1 SECTION 2. Section 89 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended in
3 lines 6 and 18 by striking out the word “noon” and inserting the
4 following in its place:— close of business.

1 SECTION 3. Section 91 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended in
3 line 5 by inserting after the word “mailed”, the following
4 words:— , no later than fourteen days prior to the election.